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I commenced Survey of Section

Town North,

Range West.

County Surveyor.

COURSE.	DISTANCE.	REMARKS.
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assumptions that there is any or that there has been any known is not only disputed or doubted but I believe to be fictitious. The triviality and fragility of such claims I will now proceed to develop. Finding the above conditions of things I concluded that aside from the authenticity of Mr. Squibb's Survey he was the only reliable evidence of the position of the original Survey and ought to be accepted as such and proceeded to locate the range line accordingly this on my first and second surveys together I traced the range line for 62 miles. There are enough marked trees with the origin and closing of his lines to make Squibb's survey on the line easy to trace that I did this satisfactorily no one disputes at least the dispute is not on this point but in appealing from my Survey the intention is to ignore Squibb's Survey either as an established Survey or as evidence and as I understand the law my Survey (if made according to the Statutes) and indirectly that of Squibb must be set aside or ignored by the court.

Corners Established.	Monument.	Bearing Trees.	Diameter in Inches.	Course.	Links Distant.
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in order to a new Survey. On account of the mathematical inaccuracy of the original survey the compass and chain can give only approximate results as to the actual location of its lines and corners and then often very erred. Hence it is well known that we have to depend on the "Field Notes" and marks left on the ground by the surveyors. When every evidence fails we resort to the dictates of the compass and chain. Hence the objection by the plaintiffs that the lines are not straight or don't measure right has nothing to do with the correctness of the work.

The main point of the evidence of the appellants is the South West corner of said section 7. This corner is claimed to be about three rods west of the position of the range line as indicated by Squibb. The original notes calls for two small Black Oaks for witness trees 7 and 10 inches respectively in diameter, not according to my observation a double kind of tree though there are a few left of the "old survey". It is claimed by some that the stumps of one of these trees remained a few years back but I have seen nothing of it. If there was any witness tree Squibb knew nothing of it 40 years ago or he would have noted it as in other places. He located the corner and noted two hickorys which are also gone.

(Squibb certainly had a great advantage in tracing this line in an early day when if there were any marks left they could be found.)

The testimony of John Dolman in court as well as information to me was that he had seen the witness marks on said tree and upon being asked what the marks were said they were letters or figures. This testimony has but little force under the watch is the ultimate test of a witness.